

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

IN RE: )  
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ERIC NATHAN KUHRTS, )  
 ) Case No. 08-20502-drd  
Debtor. )

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Debtor Eric Kuhrts (“Debtor”) claimed payments from an annuity as exempt and Janice Harder, the Chapter 7 Trustee (“Trustee”), objected to the claimed exemption. These are core proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(B) over which the Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334(b), 157(a), and 157(b)(1). The Court held a hearing on this matter at the Federal Courthouse in Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 16, 2009. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Court took the matter under advisement. After a review of the evidence and consideration of the relevant law, I am now ready to rule. The following constitutes my Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in accordance with Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as made applicable to this proceeding by Rules 7052 and 9014(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. For the reasons set forth below, I find that Debtor’s annuity is not exempt and the Trustee’s objection is sustained.. *See* Mo. Rev. Stat. § 513.430(10)(e).

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Debtor is currently employed by the University of Missouri and is attending night school to become an EMT. At the time of his bankruptcy filing he had been employed as a truck driver for several years. He is twenty-eight years old and lives with his companion and twenty-two month old son. When he was fifteen, Debtor sustained an injury to his knee and ankle in a motorcycle accident. He received an artificial knee cap and testified that he still suffers pain